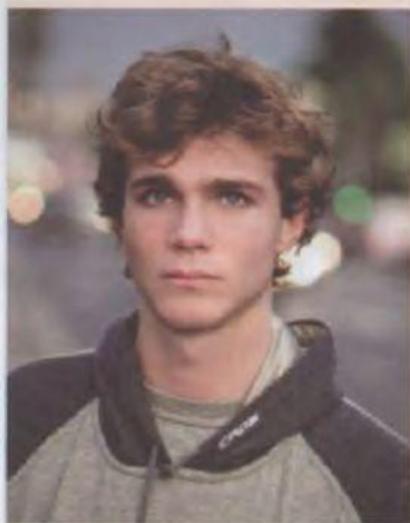


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## A day in the life of Vincent



So far, it (1)\_\_\_\_\_ a terrible day. This morning my alarm clock didn't go (2)\_\_\_\_\_ and I missed the bus. I had to walk 5 miles to get to school. When I arrived, the headteacher was waiting for (3)\_\_\_\_\_ and asked why I was late. I (4)\_\_\_\_\_ him about the clock and he said I should buy a new one. In the morning, I had maths. I (5)\_\_\_\_\_ maths. Both of my parents, my sister and my maths teacher tell me I'm no good (6)\_\_\_\_\_ it. It's not nice to have seven people tell you that you're (7)\_\_\_\_\_. After maths, I had art. Painting is fun. I like to draw self-portraits. My teacher calls me Picasso. I explain that I just don't have a mirror. (8)\_\_\_\_\_ lunch, I asked a girl on a date. Her name is Mandy and she has hair down to her ears.

I have never (9)\_\_\_\_\_ such a beautiful girl. I thought she liked me, (10)\_\_\_\_\_ when I asked her to go to the cinema, she laughed and said (11)\_\_\_\_\_ rather put her head in the mouth of a crocodile. I said, "Okay, we could go to the zoo", but she didn't want to do that (12)\_\_\_\_\_. I guess that Mandy doesn't stare and point at me because she thinks I look like Bruce Willis. Oh, well. I hope this afternoon (13)\_\_\_\_\_ be better. We have an English exam. English is easy - I've been speaking it (14)\_\_\_\_\_ I was born. What can go wrong? As the great philosopher Monty says, "Always look on the bright side of (15)\_\_\_\_\_ life."

1	A) is being	B) has been	C) was
2	A) off	B) out	C) up
3	A) I	B) me	C) myself
4	A) said	B) spoke	C) told
5	A) am hating	B) hates	C) hate
6	A) at	B) on	C) in
7	A) hopeful	B) hopeless	C) hopement
8	A) For	B) While	C) During
9	A) seen	B) saw	C) not see
10	A) as	B) so	C) but
11	A) she's	B) she	C) she'd
12	A) also	B) either	C) neither
13	A) will	B) would	C) is to
14	A) from	B) for	C) since
15	A) -	B) a	C) the

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## Mega wolves

When walking home from school, you need to be careful (1) \_\_\_\_\_ busy roads, not get lost and not speak to (2) \_\_\_\_\_.

In some parts of Norway, you also have to try not (3) \_\_\_\_\_ caught by wolves.

A thirteen-year-old (4) \_\_\_\_\_ boy, Walter Acre, had just that problem. As he was on his way home from school, he was surrounded by four (5) \_\_\_\_\_ wolves. He remembered that he

(6) \_\_\_\_\_ stay calm. Unfortunately, (7) \_\_\_\_\_ told the wolves this and

as they were about to attack, he had an even (8) \_\_\_\_\_ idea - to play them some music. He took his mobile phone out of his pocket, put on Megadeth and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ up the volume. It worked. The confused wolves ran away into the forest and Walter made it safely home. However, I guess he wasn't having a lucky day, because he also (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a wolf waiting outside his house. It took (11) \_\_\_\_\_ blast of heavy metal music for him to make it through the front door.

Not only does it make you think (12) \_\_\_\_\_ dangerous Norway is for school children, but also that Walter was a lucky boy. What if his telephone needed headphones? Would they fit (13) \_\_\_\_\_ ears? Do wolves like taking turns listening to music? And luckily for Walter, wolves don't like Megadeth, but would it work with Lady Gaga or Phil Collins? Would the wolves dance, cry or (14) \_\_\_\_\_ very angry? This story probably (15) \_\_\_\_\_ why heavy metal music is so popular in Scandinavia.



1	A) to	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) from	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) of	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	A) unknowns	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) strangers	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) foreigners	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	A) be	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) to be	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) being	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	A) Norwegian	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) Norwish	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) Norwegian	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	A) hunger	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) hungry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C) hungrily	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	A) should	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) need	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) might	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	A) anybody	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) somebody	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) nobody	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	A) gooder	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) better	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) weller	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	A) moved	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) added	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) turned	<input type="checkbox"/>
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11	A) again	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) another	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C) also	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	A) what	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) why	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) how	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	A) wolves	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) wolve's	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) wolves'	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	A) become	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B) being	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) go	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	A) will explain	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) has explained	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) explains	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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## All dressed-up!

Dave Brown, 28, is (1)\_\_\_\_\_ to get angry. He works (2)\_\_\_\_\_ an IT support technician and usually dresses very casually in jeans and a T-shirt to go to work. (3)\_\_\_\_\_ sometimes he likes to dress more smartly and wear something more formal. That's when (4)\_\_\_\_\_ trouble starts.

He (5)\_\_\_\_\_ that it's almost impossible for him to wear a button-up shirt and a pair of smart trousers because every (6)\_\_\_\_\_ he knows asks him questions, such as where he is going or if he has (7)\_\_\_\_\_ a date. Or they start talking about how he's all dressed up and whether he has (8)\_\_\_\_\_ kind of job interview. Some people even believe he's starting his own business! Mr Brown thinks people are crazy to ask so many questions (9)\_\_\_\_\_ because he's wearing a tie! Even his (10)\_\_\_\_\_ makes a fuss when he wears a proper shirt. The last time he came home (11)\_\_\_\_\_ work in a button-up shirt, she kept on asking him who he (12)\_\_\_\_\_ for lunch that day. He finds it strange that people are (13)\_\_\_\_\_ suspicious of an IT technician wearing smart clothes. However, Mr Brown admitted that, on a positive note, some of his co-workers were extra nice to him and gave him less work to (14)\_\_\_\_\_ because they thought he (15)\_\_\_\_\_ to a funeral service.



(Amended from [www.theonion.com](http://www.theonion.com))

1	A) to start	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) start	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) starting	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	A) as	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) like	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) in	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	A) Because	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) However	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) Therefore	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	A) a	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) –	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) the	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	A) says	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) told	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) tells	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	A) person	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) persons	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) people	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	A) get	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) got	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) gotted	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	A) any	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) some	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) all	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	A) just	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) even	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) really	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	A) wife	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) with	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) wife	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	A) from	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) in	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) to	<input type="checkbox"/>
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13	A) so	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) as	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) about	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	A) have	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) do	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) make	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	A) goes	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) is going	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) was going	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## Play well!

Lego may be a small toy that had a small (1) \_\_\_\_\_, but it's also one of the biggest toy companies (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the world. Lego (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in the workshop of Ole Kirk Christiansen, a Danish carpenter (4) \_\_\_\_\_ made furniture for farmers. In 1932, when Ole Kirk's business was not going well, he started to make wooden toys. The first toys he made were yo-yos. These did not sell (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and he used the unsold yo-yos to make wheels for a wooden toy truck. The name Lego was born (6) \_\_\_\_\_ this time. It is two words in Danish put together - leg godt (play well). At the end of the 1940s, toys started to be made from plastic and Ole Kirk began making a toy truck that could be put together and pulled apart. This led (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to creating the Lego plastic brick. Unfortunately, plastic toys were not very popular and it took (8) \_\_\_\_\_ ten years and the invention of the Lego wheel before things started to happen. Putting wheels (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the bricks made Lego a huge success and helped the company move forward. One thing that has helped Lego to keep growing so quickly has been the emphasis on invention. The company motto is "A new toy (10) \_\_\_\_\_!", and they have a whole team of people (11) \_\_\_\_\_ job is to think of new Lego ideas. The most successful (12) \_\_\_\_\_ far has been the Lego train and the space explorer set. Lego estimate that (13) \_\_\_\_\_ the last 50 years they have sold 400 billion Lego blocks. If all the Lego bricks ever produced (14) \_\_\_\_\_ divided between all the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in the world, everyone would have 62 Lego bricks each.



1	A) beginning	B) happening	C) birthing
2	A) at	B) on	C) in
3	A) starts	B) started	C) has started
4	A) which	B) who	C) whose
5	A) well	B) good	C) best
6	A) through	B) over	C) around
7	A) her	B) him	C) it
8	A) more	B) again	C) another
9	A) to	B) on	C) in
10	A) every day	B) all day	C) whole day
11	A) who	B) whose	C) whom
12	A) as	B) too	C) so
13	A) during	B) while	C) among
14	A) was	B) were	C) are
15	A) peoples	B) persons	C) people

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## Don't forget to open your parachute!

A skydiver had an amazing escape (1) \_\_\_\_\_ he fell 6,000 feet onto a mountain without a parachute.

It wasn't part of (2) \_\_\_\_\_ plan. James Boole, 31, was filming another person skydiving (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a volcano in Russia when the worst thing happened - he (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to open his parachute! (5) \_\_\_\_\_ estimated that he had been travelling at 100 miles per hour when he hit the snow-covered rocks. During his career, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Boole has done around 3,500 parachute jumps.

He was busy filming for a television programme when he suddenly realised that he (7) \_\_\_\_\_ see the snow very clearly through the camera lens.

He knew that meant he had only a few seconds before he would hit the ground. His last thought was, "This is going to hurt (8) \_\_\_\_\_!"

The skydiver (9) \_\_\_\_\_ a one-metre deep hole in the snow where he landed. (10) \_\_\_\_\_

first he was just amazed that he was still alive, then he felt (11) \_\_\_\_\_ pain he'd ever felt in his back.

(12) \_\_\_\_\_ for him, he was rescued by a helicopter and taken to the nearest Russian hospital. From the fall, he had broken (13) \_\_\_\_\_ back and a rib, damaged his lungs and broken a tooth.

If it wasn't for the snow, he (14) \_\_\_\_\_ dead! James, who is (15) \_\_\_\_\_ recovering at home, says, "I feel like the luckiest man in the world."

(Amended from [www.guardian.co.uk](http://www.guardian.co.uk))

1 A) while	2 B) when	3 C) during
2 A) a	2 B) an	2 C) the
3 A) through	3 B) between	3 C) over
4 A) forgot	4 B) forgets	4 C) has forgotten
5 A) It	5 B) It's	5 C) Its
6 A) mr	6 B) MR	6 C) Mr
7 A) could	7 B) must	7 C) has to
8 A) much	8 B) a lot	8 C) many
9 A) did	9 B) had	9 C) made
10 A) In	10 B) At	10 C) On
11 A) the worst	11 B) the baddest	11 C) worser
12 A) Luckaly	12 B) Luckily	12 C) Luckily
13 A) his	13 B) her	13 C) their
14 A) is	14 B) will be	14 C) would be
15 A) before	15 B) now	15 C) after



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## Who killed the dinosaurs?

The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ popular theory of why the dinosaurs died is that an asteroid (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth. The impact from this threw up a huge cloud of dust (3) \_\_\_\_\_ blocked out the sun.

This caused the plants (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Earth to die. The plant-eating dinosaurs soon starved to death because they had (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to eat. The meat-eating dinosaurs needed the plant-eating ones to survive. Another theory is that climate change killed the dinosaurs.

Scientists believe that the Earth became (6) \_\_\_\_\_ towards the end of the dinosaur period and that cold-blooded dinosaurs found it difficult to adapt. Alternatively, the Earth may have become warmer, causing the ice caps to melt.

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ the dinosaurs have drowned?

Other people believe that (8) \_\_\_\_\_ a huge volcano had erupted, it might have blocked out the sun with its ash cloud. This might have killed the dinosaurs that needed sunlight to live. Some people even claim that dinosaurs - the largest creatures ever (9) \_\_\_\_\_ - were killed by something as small (10) \_\_\_\_\_ an insect. Could a killer disease carried by insects have infected the dinosaurs and killed them (11) \_\_\_\_\_? Scientists, like detectives, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ facts and clues to solve a mystery. In rock samples of around the time dinosaurs disappeared, large amounts of iridium can be found. Iridium isn't normally found on Earth (13) \_\_\_\_\_ it is found on Asteroids. Also, there is a large crater hole (14) \_\_\_\_\_ Mexico which was formed around this time. It's (15) \_\_\_\_\_ a mystery, but scientists are guessing in the right direction.



1	A) greatest	B) most	C) more
2	A) hits	B) hit	C) has hit
3	A) who	B) where	C) which
4	A) in	B) at	C) on
5	A) nothing	B) not anything	C) everything
6	A) cold	B) colder	C) the coldest
7	A) Could	B) Must	C) Can't
8	A) when	B) as	C) if
9	A) knew	B) knowing	C) known
10	A) as	B) so	C) like
11	A) every	B) all	C) each
12	A) have to	B) must	C) need
13	A) because	B) but	C) as
14	A) in	B) from	C) of
15	A) yet	B) still	C) since